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Diving in for charity swim

A team of Surbiton hoteliers have braved the dark depths of the English Channel to raise almost £2,000 for charity.

Team Bosco completed their swim in 15 hours and 48 minutes on August 29, swimming in relay for one hour at a time.

Ralph Reilly, 35, Liam Rowley, 50, Liam Rowley Junior, 21, Conor Rowley, 18, and Leanne Harling, 25, were raising money for the Samaritans.

Hotel Bosco manager Mr Reilly said the challenge was harder than he expected, saying it was a "scary and eerie experience".

He added it was "very much a mind game to keep yourself going".



Brave: Hotel owner Liam Rowley with his two sons Liam and Conor with hotel manager Ralph Reilly, second left

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Priest criticises 'hypocritical' car-clamping crew

A pair of overzealous car-clampers have got on the wrong side of the Almighty, after a Kingston vicar criticised them for using his church's private car park to spy on rule breakers.

The Reverend Peter Holmes said the burly BGS Services enforcement officers regularly hide in the car park of St Peter's Church, Norbiton, to catch unwitting drivers stopping in the private car park next to the Carphone Warehouse over the road, thought to be for tenant use only.

The vicar said he was staggered

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that despite repeated warnings that the officers could themselves be clamped for parking there, his pleas had fallen on deaf ears.

He said: "It's unbelievable hypocrisy that they go round clamping everybody else but will quite happily park their car in a private car park to do it."

"Using a clamp on them would be pointless because obviously they know how to take them off, so it's

hard to know what we can do about it. If I wasn't going to be had up for criminal damage I would have quite willingly let their tyres down by now."

David Lelyveld, managing director of BGS Services, disputed the claim that his officers would remove a clamp from their own car if it was parked illegally, and said he would talk to the men involved to find out whether they had been using the church car park.

Mr Lelyveld's comments were no consolation for Kingston resident

William Burke however, who was stung with a £100 fine after stopping in the BGS controlled car park while visiting the Carphone Warehouse last weekend.

He said: "There are signs saying it's a private car park but I assumed it was for customers of the Carphone Warehouse."

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Safety: Councillor Bob Steed examines the new arrivals

What a load of bollards

Crash-proof bollards are being rolled out across Kingston in their hundreds.

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But the new slim-line reflective model, following in the footsteps of a trial at the junction of Brighton Road and Portsmouth Road, is expected to save over £27 per bollard and nearly £9,000 per year for Kingston Council.

Man touched girl in shop

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A Kingston shopkeeper could face prison after he sexually touched a 15-year-old school girl in his store's stock room.

Shahid Hayat, 37, admitted engaging in sexual activity with the girl in June, after "befriending her."

Hayat appeared at Kingston Crown Court on Thursday, September 5, and, speaking through an Urdu interpreter, pleaded not guilty to rape.

Judge Charles Tilling accepted there was a lack of evidence for rape, as the girl was seen on CCTV "voluntarily kissing the defendant" and then going into the room ahead of him.

She was then seen leaving the room "relatively quickly", the court heard.

Hayat, of Beresford Gardens, Hounslow, was seen talking to the girl over the counter in his Clarence Street shop before they went to the store room.

Hayat, who has no previous convictions, was remanded in custody and will be sentenced at Kingston Crown Court on October 1.

Judge Tilling said: "The CCTV does show that it was very much consensual but I must warn you that a prison sentence is definitely a strong possibility."

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Charitable hall needed

Oxfam volunteers in Surbiton are searching for charitable hall owners to accommodate them for their next major fashion show.

The Victoria Road charity shop previously used the Sur-

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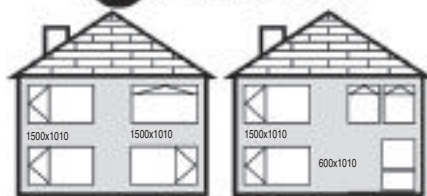
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Police attempt to curb estate's antisocial youth

Police are still trying to move gangs of young people away from their haunt at a railway bridge, after reports that a baseball bat was waved at a woman driver.

Officers have put up fresh signs on the Knollmead estate, where youths sometimes hang about in 30-strong groups, telling people about a dispersal zone, which allows them to order youths in groups to leave the area.

Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator Adam Lotun said: "Young people think the dispersal order has expired, but it hasn't. It seems like the gang has come back with a vengeance."

Peter Day, treasurer of nearby Sunray

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Community Centre, said: "One of the girls pulled up on Tuesday and there was a car blocking her way. She flashed her lights at him to move out of the way. He did eventually but waved a baseball bat at her."

"It just intimidates the elderly people that come to the club. We need that dispersal order extended."

The three month dispersal order, issued by Kingston Council after a bicycle was thrown on to the tracks by a 12-year-old boy, causing £5,000 to £6,000 worth of damage, expires at the end of September.

A police spokesman said: "The first two months of the dispersal zone have been hugely successful and have provided the local community with respite from their ongoing antisocial behaviour."

"Local police have continued to disperse youths gathering in the area while leafletting local residents to reassure them of their continued support."

"The signage remains in place and the dispersal order will continue to run until the end of September 2008. The feedback from the local residents is immensely positive."

Get the latest crime statistics for your area at yourlocalguardian.co.uk/li



Delicious: A stall in Kingston Market Place

Witness to a graveyard rob

An eyewitness has told how a woman was watched during a daylight robbery at Kingston Cemetery last weekend.

The witness, who does not want to be named, said the mugging took place at the Bonner Hill Road cemetery at 11.20am on Saturday, September 6.

He said three police cars were present at the scene and he left the cemetery shortly afterwards because his wife became distressed at what they had seen.

The cemetery is a popular walking spot and is used as a "safe route to school" for King Athelstan Primary School and Hollyfield School pupils.

Last November, Cemetery Watch successfully campaigned against plans by Kingston Council to close the Dawson Road pedestrian gate during the week, which the council said was to curb antisocial behaviour.

This was vehemently opposed by Norbiton councillor Steve Mama and Cemetery Watch, who argued the borough's green spaces should be accessible.

Kingston police refused to comment on the incident and said releasing any details would jeopardise their investigation.

According to the newly released police crime maps, there were four burglaries, robberies or vehicle thefts during July in the area covering Kingston Cemetery.

See page 6 to see how many crimes there were in your area.

10 weeks' jail

A prolific teenage thief has been jailed for 10 weeks for stealing a sat-nav system in Kingston. Martin Gibbons, 19, of no fixed abode, stole the sat-nav, worth £150, in Cross Roads, on August 10. Kingston magistrate Rachel Lipscomb sentenced Gibbons to three weeks in a young offender institution.

Thief's order

A Kingston thief who stole £440 worth of equipment from PC World in Norwich has been given a nine month community order.

Thomas Tillett, 22, from Kestrel Close, stole two Sony MP3 players and six PlayStation 3 games from the store on December 6 last year.

He was ordered to pay £300 compensation to PC World and stump up court costs of £30, at the sentencing hearing at Kingston Magistrates' Court on September 2.

Pubs back off crawl business

Landlords in Kingston have refused a lucrative offer from a pub crawl company which wanted to take university students on a drinking tour of the town.

But police are running Operation Anthony to cut antisocial behaviour and the move was thought not to sit well with that initiative.

Malcolm George from Kingston College said: "We are very pleased to hear that news because we don't want anything to do with it."

A very fayre harvest

Kingston's Market Place will become the focal point for foodies next Sunday with a celebration of ethical and sustainable food.

The harvest fayre has been organised by Kingston Council and Kingstonfirst as part of Kingston food festival and the event is supported by the Kingston Guardian.

As a Fairtrade borough, the fayre aims to champion bio-diversity, sustainability and organic food and there will be stalls by the Kingston Fairtrade group, and the Kingston Permaculture site as well as high

street retailers such as Ben-talls and Yogo frozen yoghurts showcasing their eco-friendly produce.

The fayre takes place from 11am to 4pm on September 14.

Colin Bloxham, principal arts officer at Kingston Council, said: "We want to celebrate the quality and diversity of food that doesn't usually feature in the supermarket basket. We want to develop our market."

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Police launch online crime statistics site

A postcode crime map has been launched by the Metropolitan Police, showing how many burglaries, muggings and vehicle crimes have happened in each area of Kingston.

The police believe revealing the true scale of these three offences month-by-month will reassure people that crime levels are low, but the current map stops short of the street-by-street approach which some other forces have pioneered.

West Yorkshire allows users to see exactly where the crimes have taken place with a dot on a map.

Activists or curious residents who want to discover whether crime in Clarence Street is going up or what offences are taking place in Worcester Park's Central Road

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will be left slightly wanting.

The maps show that the crime rate for the borough of Kingston is below the average for the capital, with 139 crimes in July, but that crime is on the rise in some areas.

The area covering the town centre saw 11 crimes in July while the sub-ward which covers New Malden High Street witnessed three crimes in that month.

Surbiton's Victoria Road had no recorded crimes during July according to the website.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said: "Crime mapping was one of my major manifesto commitments and an important part of our strategy to

tackle the number one issue for Londoners - crime and safety.

"This new online service means that Londoners will, at long last, be able to get information about crime levels in their neighbourhood at the click of a button."

The site also contains the name and contact details of neighbourhood police officers, allowing members of the public to contact them with crime concerns.

The Met said they planned to add other categories of crime to the online map service in the future, allowing more detailed information about levels of crime to be openly released to the public.

Check the number of crimes in your area go to yourlocalguardian.co.uk/li

Exercise book party

A mother who found inspiration for her first book while slogging it out at a Kingston gym saw her masterpiece launched to the nation at a glitzy party last week.

Emma Burstall, 47, joined Esporta Gym in Richmond Road, after the birth of her youngest son Freddie, four years ago.

There, she unexpectedly met a group of friends and struck upon the idea for the book, *Gym and Slimline*, which charts the lives and romances of four women who meet at the gym.

Ms Burstall, who lives in north Kingston, said: "It was a great setting for a novel and over the past four years I've been picking the book up and putting it down so it is great to finally see it in print."

Publishers Preface laid on a launch party at The House of St Barnabas in Soho on September 3 and the book can now be found in WH Smith and Waterstone's nationwide.

Ms Burstall, a freelance journalist, said: "It's quite early days but I'm very optimistic. Waterstone's in Kingston has already sold out, which is great as a first-time author."

Ms Burstall is currently working on her second novel, due out next year.



Optimistic: Author Emma Burstall with Trevor Dolby, head of Preface Publishing, at the launch for *Gym and Slimline*



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Fine dropped for no entry

by DAVID LINDSELL

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An IT worker caught driving down a bus lane has escaped a fine and three points on his licence after he successfully proved a no entry sign in Kingston town centre was unlawful.

Kingston Council admitted to him there was no traffic order for the use of a no entry sign in Eden Street and said its use was "advisory".

Adnan Majeed, 27, was pulled over by a police officer on a Sunday morning and at first thought he would only receive a fine.

But the officiousness of the officer spurred him into contesting the extra three points, given for going through the no entry sign, after he drove to his home in Feltham to deliver the penalty notice after forgetting to hand it over.

"If he was that determined to give me these points I was going to be that determined to fight them," said Mr Majeed. "I am a very careful driver and I would have accepted the fine. But I am an IT contractor and I could have lost my job because of losing a clean licence."

"The road signs are not as



Kingston town centre: Confusing no entry signs

clear cut as people think. In the space of four or five minutes three or four cars did exactly the same as I did."

Motorist lawyers told him he should just pay up, but he turned to online forum Pepipoo which has the tagline "Helping the motorist get justice".

He took photos of the road, spoke to a friend in the police, invited a traffic engineer to

the scene and prepared a dossier.

When he arrived at court on August 28 he was informed the case, including the fine, would be thrown out.

Mr Majeed said: "If the police officer hadn't done that I wouldn't have bothered to contest it and I would have three points on my licence."

A spokesman for the Association of British Drivers said: "It

is not uncommon. If they put both signs up and don't cover up the wrong one neither is valid. If the regime does not comply with the requirements of the Secretary of State the limits are not enforceable."

Kingston Council has announced the no entry sign would be pulled down after reading the story on the Kingston Guardian website and investigating.

Comments from the no entry story

Kiran from Hounslow said: "I am not condoning what Mr Majid did, but I do admire and salute his determination to say enough is enough."

Ric from Kingston said: "Everyone who has a fine and points should contest them after this case.. Well done."

Steve1964 from Kingston said: "The council only has to remove the 'No Entry' signs and then the blue bus & bike-only signs will be enforceable. Then the police can stop drivers to their hearts content. Does Kingston council not employ trained traffic engineers these days?"

Last year there were 2,537 tickets issued for driving in a bus lane in the borough of Kingston as part of a total 57,000 fines netting a potential £4.3m for the council and Transport for London.

Are you pleased he got off the hook thanks to the blunder or should he have accepted his fate?
Visit yourlocalguardian.co.uk to have your say on this story

NEWSbrief

BLUE CROSS: Jam and garden produce will be on sale outside St John's Hall, Malden Road, on October 10 in aid of the Blue Cross animal welfare charity. The stall, which aims to help Blue Cross support people who cannot afford private medical treatment for their pets, will be open between 10am and noon.

BOOK STALL: The 1st Old Malden Scout Group is in desperate need of more books for its regular fundraising book stall before the next sale in New Malden High Street on Saturday, September 20. Book owners can phone 020 8337 1767 to have their offerings collected, or they can leave them on the doorstep at 6 Paddock Close.

FREE MUSIC: Organist Barry Eaton will be performing a recital at St John the Baptist Church, Old Malden, on October 11 at 8pm. Anyone interested in attending the evening, which will include work by Reubke, J S Bach and Vaughan Williams, can pick up a programme at the church or simply turn up on the night.

Chance for women to air views

A forum for women across the borough is being launched by Kingston police this week.

The Women to Women group aims to provide a place for women working or living in Kingston to feedback issues, concerns or opinions on their local area to town centre stakeholders.

The forum will be held on a quarterly basis and cover topics such as community safety, housing, drug and alcohol issues and domestic violence.

Jo Keogh, of Kingston police, said: "Come along and meet like-minded women, talk, eat, drink and discuss the issues that matter to you."

The first meeting will be at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street, at 3pm on Thursday, September 11, and will discuss Kingston's night-time economy.

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It will have all the traditional elements, from a cake to a rousing chorus of happy birthday, but September 23 will also be a party with a difference, as Kingston celebrates the 800th anniversary of the Royal borough.

To mark 800 years since Kingston was granted a royal charter from King John in 1208, Kingston Museum has organised a very special birthday party.

The museum will be open at 10am and the first 25 people

through the door will be given free membership as friends of the museum.

At 11am, a special charter cake will be cut and the party will begin. There will be face painting and a chance for children to dress up as kings and queens, after an art session making crowns.

The day will end with a free talk on Kingston's festival past from historian Tim Everson, author of *A Century of Kingston upon Thames*.

Peta Cook, curator of

Kingston Museum, said: "We hope that Kingston residents will help us toast the town and borough that we are all proud to be part of."

The charter is currently on display at the museum's Festival exhibition, which runs until October 18.

For more information, call 020 8547 6460, visit kingston.gov.uk/museum or email kingston.museum@rbk.kingston.gov.uk.

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Sky gets tough on illegal screenings

by KERRY GROVE

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Sky television plans on clamping down on pubs showing matches obtained illegally with European cards.

Media Protection Services (MPS) has confirmed that about 40 pubs in Kingston and Croydon are under investigation for allegedly dodging official Sky contracts, which cost several thousand pounds a year. Pub landlords found guilty could go to court this year, be fined up to £5,000 and could lose their licence.

MPS is waiting on the result of a landmark case at the European High Court against a group of pubs which argues they should be able to import legally under competition law.

If Sky wins, lawyers will press ahead and attempt to prosecute the hundreds of others they have been investigating.

The action comes after law-abiding pubs complained their customers were being lured away by football matches shown illegally at their competitors.

One Surbiton bar worker said: "Customers often come in and ask 'why aren't you showing the match they've got on up the road?' and it's not even on any British Sky channels. They then walk straight back out."

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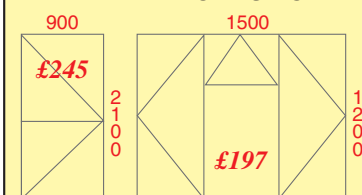
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Children invited to shed their pounds

by **DAVID LINDSELL**

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Overweight children in Kingston are being invited to shed the pounds by the NHS, despite the borough escaping mention in a national "fat map".

Kingston Primary Care Trust (PCT) is relaunching its healthy living programme for families to adopt good eating habits and help children who are overweight or obese.

According to statistics published by Dr Foster Intelligence, sponsored by pharmaceutical company Roche Products, Kingston has one of the lowest number of people with obesity.

Mend, which stands for Mind, Ex-

ercise, Nutrition, Do it, is aimed at families with children between the ages of eight and 13 who have a weight problem. Sessions will be held in Kingston, Tolworth and Chessington starting in the week beginning September 22.

Jennifer Smith, a registered dietitian and the PCT's weight management specialist, said: "Evidence shows that overweight children become overweight adults and obesity can cause significant health problems.

"The Mend programme has been

successful in educating families and children about the need for healthy eating habits and regular exercise.

"We have been impressed by the overall benefits to families who have attended the programme so far and we urge people to come forward and register now for the new programme."

PCT staff, including chief executive David Smith, will set off on their own stroll this week as part of its walk to work health promotion.

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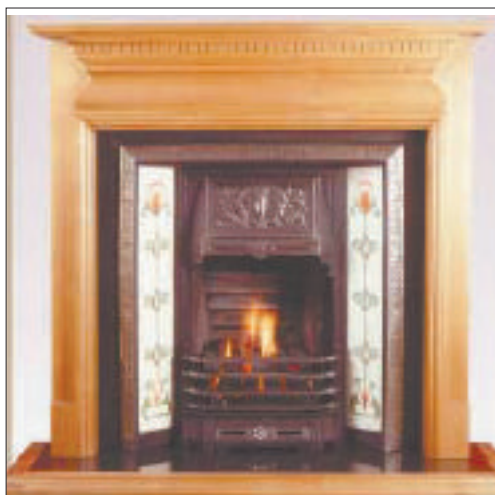
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Extra power for flowers

New Maldener Jessie Sornalingham has always had a passion for flowers, but the green-fingered gardening enthusiast was blown away this summer when some dahlia bulbs she planted two years ago shot up to monstrous proportions.

The huge flowers, which Mrs Sornalingham described as being the size of "a large pizza", bloomed to more than five feet high after she chose different fertiliser and replanted the old bulbs - with spectacular results.



Pizza-size flowers: Jessie Sornalingham

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Councillors say no to shutting up shop

by DAVID LINDSELL

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A shopkeeper who put up shutters to protect a post office from vandals is to be told to remove them by the council.

Ronald Bastiampilla at Costcutters said he had resorted to occasionally sleeping in the convenience store and post office at 168 Tudor Drive to protect it from attacks, but has now been accused of breaching planning regulations because the shop is in a designated area of special character.

Kingston Council said the shutters created "a hostile and unattractive frontage". It is considering giving him three months to rip them out, and was due to decide last

night.

Mr Bastiampilla said he had been treated unfairly and because of the complaints had not been pulling the shutters down at night.

He said: "The shop has been vandalised a lot of times. The windows have been broken three times since 2006. Somebody cut through our telephone lines and the security camera and tried to break in."

"The councillors are not taking into account how I'm trying to stop police officers wasting time."

All three councillors for Tudor

ward usually sit on the planning sub-committee, sitting last night.

Councillor Dennis Doe, who will not be there on Wednesday, said the shopkeepers had told him there were very few crimes.

He said: "The local chemist has been broken into once in 28 years and if anyone is going to get broken into it is a chemist to get at the drugs. The local residents feel it would give the impression this is a hostile environment and take away from the joy of a very nice local shopping area."

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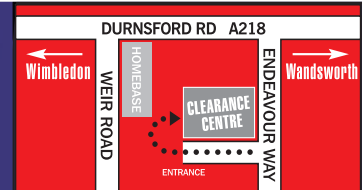
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Community projects in Kingston will benefit from a £12,000 funding boost, after Waitrose started a new charity initiative.

The supermarket, based in Wood Street, will donate £1,000 to three charities every month through its Community Matters scheme.

The first organisations to benefit are Born Too Soon, which cares for premature babies in Kingston Hospital's neonatal unit, children's cancer charity Momentum, and the Shooting Star hospice.

Shoppers are given a token at the checkout to place in one of the three charity buckets and the organisation with the most nominations will receive a bigger share of the pot.

Peter Hook, store manager at Kingston, said: "We're passionate about our community and as a team are very proud to be working on such a worthwhile scheme."

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Celebrating two decades

by MIKE DIDYMUS

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Christian workers who help at Kingston schools were celebrated at a special party last week.

More than 400 people gathered at the Kings Centre, Chessington, on September 7 to celebrate 20 years of Kingston Council's Schools Christian Workers group.

Volunteers, pupils and supporters shared memories and marked the milestone anniversary of the group, which works free of charge running after-school activities, helps with assemblies and RE lessons, and aids pupils in the difficult transition between primary and secondary school.

The group will also rebrand as Insight in September, to mark the beginning of its third decade of youth work.

Schools Christian Workers chairman said: "It's been great to see so many local churches committed to the support of Kingston's schools through our work."

"Dozens of schools have

been so welcoming and encouraging of the Christian teaching, values and care we have been able to provide through our staff and volunteers, who have made a real and lasting difference in the lives of the students they support.

"We look forward to many more years serving local schools."

"Our name may be changing, but our heart to care for the rising generation remains as strong as ever."

Sam Kasselmann, year 5 teacher at St Paul's Junior School, Kingston, said: "We're so glad to have Kingston Schools Christian Workers coming in to work with our pupils."

"The children really enjoy their work and they make a real difference to their lives."

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Semi-finalist: Veena Warmann

Mrs Globetrotter back

New Malden yummy mummy Veena Warmann missed out on the top crown at the international Mrs Globe championships, but picked up prizes for mother

of the year and couple of the year.

She returned from the Californian pageant last week, where she made it to the semi-finals.

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ROSE BILL: Kingston University has agreed to pay its 5 per cent share of two cost over-runs on fitting out the Rose Theatre. The university will hand over £30,000 toward the £600,000 overspend, with council taxpayers paying the rest. The final bill for the theatre project will be £7.15m, more than £638,000 over the original budget.

LOSE WEIGHT: A New Malden hypnotherapist is starting a four-week programme of weight loss classes. Pat O'Connor starts the next programme, which consists of four two-hour sessions, at the Groves Medical Centre, Clarence Avenue, on September 24 at 7pm. To book, call Pat on 07790 595070.

LADIES DARTS: Worcester Park British Legion is the new home of the recently promoted Surrey Darts Ladies A team, following their move from the Epsom legion branch. The team's premier division fixtures commence on September 13 with an away trip to ladies' darts legends Yorkshire.

Join waste consultation

The future of waste in south-west London will be under scrutiny in coming months.

A consultation on the future of landfill waste is due to be launched by Kingston Council next week.

To meet European and UK legislation on improving recycling and reducing landfill waste, Kingston, Merton, Croydon and Sutton councils have joined forces to produce the South London Waste Plan.

As part of this, sites need to be identified where future waste

from businesses and households can be collated. The public is being asked to feedback what issues are important when these decisions take place. A workshop will also be held at the Rose Theatre at 7pm on October 16.

For more information, or to register for the workshop, call 020 8547 5375, email southlondonwasteplan@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or visit kingston.gov.uk/wasteplan

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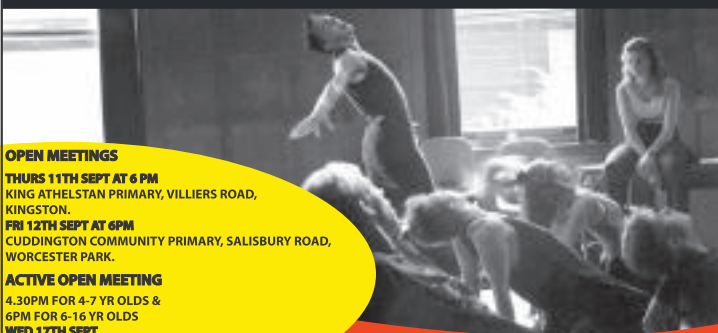
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From the same mould: Sarah Pardy, left, is teaching first aid just like her older sister Rachel

Hand-me-down skills

A New Malden teenager has followed in her sister's first aid footsteps this summer by teaching young people basic techniques for saving lives in an emergency.

Sarah Pardy, 16, gave up part of her holidays to help deliver the specially designed St John Ambulance youth courses, which give an insight into basic first aid, resuscitation, seizures, bleeding and anaphylactic shock.

Safety training runs in the family, with Sarah's 19-year-old sister

by **MIKE DIDYMUS**

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Rachel appointed schools trainer for St John Ambulance London earlier this year, educating youngsters around the capital.

Sarah, who eventually hopes to become a nurse, said: "After seeing the positive impact my sister was having in her role as a trainer, I naturally wanted to become involved."

"I gain satisfaction from helping young people learn the first

aid skills they need to be able to help others and I am continually learning new things myself.

"Clearly the young people on the course thoroughly enjoy it too."

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Check out the future of town

Shoppers and residents can get their first look at the blueprint for the future of Kingston town this week.

The K+20 Kingston Town Centre Area Action Plan, which was formally adopted by Kingston Council in July and will guide the future development of the town centre up to 2020, has been made public.

Earlier this year an independent planning inspector gave K+20 the go-ahead, but threw out the option of increasing the number of car parking spaces – currently 7,000.

It is the first area action plan in London to get the green light.

The blueprint includes proposals for major new shopping facilities, new homes and jobs, better quality offices, a hotel and

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better facilities for culture, leisure and entertainment, as well as for religious, community and voluntary groups.

It plans for improved transport, including a new bus station and new cycle routes. Talks are taking place to choose a developer to redevelop the Eden Quarter of the town, after the council's initial partner Hammons was forced to retender after falling foul of European rules on contract tendering.

The K+20 plan and inspector's report are available on the council's website at kingston.gov.uk/kplus20, at public libraries and at the Guildhall.



Off to the races: The Autocross cars will take part in the rally from Monaco to Rome

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Chris Green, part owner of Autocross, said: "Most of the cars we have serviced or prepared for races. If you are into your cars, you have a passion about them and it's like an ex-

tended member of your family.

"It's good to get a nice bit of open road to enjoy your car and see what it can do. It's not a race as such."

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Big top winner

A four-year-old drama fan from Surbiton was chosen out of 3,500 children across the south-east to take part in a Zippos circus event last week. Katie Swangold attends Perform drama and dance workshops at Perform in Ewell Road, and was commended for her outstanding work in class with a trip to the workshop in Peckham.

Day of beauty

Fancy a new job as a hairdresser or beautician? Essensuals in Victoria Road, Surbiton, is having an open day on Friday, September 12, for prospective staff and customers. Experts will be on hand to discuss products and techniques and doing demonstrations. Refreshments and goodie bags will be available. Call 08444 457535 for information.

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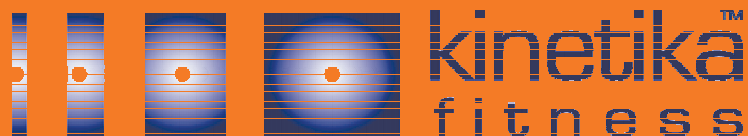
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Time's nearly up to nominate your green fingered friends

There is still time to nominate a deserving environmental project or person for a Kingston Green Guardian Award, but the deadline of September 22 is looming fast.

With the new school term starting last week, now is the perfect time to nominate a green primary or secondary school or a young environmentalist.

So, whether you know a green fingered headteacher, a blooming good school vegetable garden or a pupil committed to making a change, we want to hear from you.

Last year's winners, Tolworth Girls' School and St John's Church of England Primary School in Kingston,

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will be looking for a repeat success after they impressed the judges with a host of environmental schemes including a vegetable garden and eco-monitors.

One school already eyeing up an award is Chessington Community College, which is currently in the midst of a £23m rebuilding process.

Environmental considerations are at the top of the agenda and headteacher David Kemp said the school's new state of the art technology, including advanced insulation technology and rainwater tanks, would give

them the edge.

"We have to try to generate five to 10 per cent of our own energy, so we have a cutting-edge energy centre including solar roof panels and biomass boilers which will create renewable energy," he said.

"Our pupils are very much aware of what's being built into the new school and why, and we have a commitment to teaching them about the environment through lessons such as geography and citizenship."

As young environmentalist of the year for the past two years, 11-year-old Connor Riza will be a tough act to follow after he demonstrated his commitment to the environment by

setting up his own website, onecan.co.uk, and organising a clean up of his street to protect wildlife.

But, if you know a Kingston youngster doing their bit for the planet, we want you to nominate them for this year's young environmentalist award.

All of the winners from the Kingston Green Guardian Awards will go through to a glittering area gala final at the Queen's Stand, Epsom Racecourse, on November 21.

To enter yourself for an award or nominate someone else, visit www.greenguardian.co.uk or contact Hannah Weston at hweston@london.newsquest.co.uk or call 020 8744 4223.

Top Tip

❑ Avoid removing stains using environmentally-harmful chemicals, stick to soda water instead. Pour the soda water on to a stain as soon as possible and the effervescence will bubble the staining substance to the surface, where you can blot it away.

❑ Have you got any green top tips (50 words max please)? Post them at greenguardian.co.uk by clicking on Get Involved and then Top Tips.

The Big Picture

❑ Vast greenhouses that use seawater to grow crops could be combined with solar power plants to provide food, fresh water and clean energy in deserts, under an ambitious proposal from a team of architects and engineers.

The Sahara Forest project would marry huge greenhouses with solar panels which would turn deserts into lush patches of vegetation without the need to dig wells for fresh water, an activity that has depleted groundwater across the world.

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DIG DEEP: A harvesting day has been organised on the Kingston permaculture reserve this Saturday. Anyone is welcome to help out on the site, at Knollmead, Tolworth, on September 13 from noon, ready for the produce to be shown at the

Harvest Fayre in Kingston on September 14. Tea and biscuits are provided and volunteers are asked to bring any gardening equipment they have to the site. For more information, call Simone Kay on 07737 277470.

CLEAN AND GREEN: London Mayor Boris Johnson has announced Isabel Dedring, currently director of Transport for London's policy office, will take up the environment brief at City Hall. Since being elected the Mayor has announced a commitment to achieving a 60 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2025, pledged £6m to clean up London's rundown green spaces and promised the planting of 10,000 new street trees. Mr Johnson said: "Isabel shares my huge passion to see London leading the world as a city which is dedicated to becoming even cleaner and greener."

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There are just two weeks left to nominate someone for a borough Green Guardian Award. Go to www.greenguardian.co.uk and click on Awards for full details and a nomination form.

List your green event for free on the Calendar at www.greenguardian.co.uk

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Each week we will ask a question on a green-related subject. This week:

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How many batteries are sent to landfill annually?

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Last week's answer: 25 per cent of carbon emissions in the atmosphere come from the way we travel. By reducing the amount of journeys you make using your car you can cut down on the impact your carbon footprint has on the environment.



Pirates: Carey Roest, Claire Harris, Lorna Bailey, Sheraly Ordenez-Moss, Sammi Klasinski, Steve Roest display the soap

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Things get a bit fishy as shop launches shark fin soap

Lush's Kingston store has teamed up with the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society to stamp out the global shark fin trade.

Lush has designed an eco-friendly shark fin soap, made from sea-

weed and sea salt, and will make 11,416 bars to replicate the number of sharks killed every hour.

The campaign will run for 10 days and all proceeds will go to Sea Shepherd.

Staff in the Market Place store dressed up as pirates to raise awareness of the campaign on September 6.

Steve Roest, director of Sea Shepherd, said: "There has been a

massive reduction in sharks because of these brutal fishing practices as more than 100m are killed every year.

"They are on the brink of extinction."

'I will never forget the nurse's knee on my head'

Advertising executive Chris Joseph has written a book about abuse he suffered at Tolworth Hospital in 1996.

The 50-year-old one-armed patient suffered a fractured nose and broken stump at the hands of a psychiatric nurse.

Advertising executive Chris Joseph, 50, launched a high profile campaign against the hospital after his ordeal in 1996, in which a nurse pushed him to

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the ground and smashed his head twice against the floor.

In his autobiography *Manicdotes*, the manic-depressive tells how he lost an arm in an accident and developed mental health problems upon the birth of his twin children.

Mr Joseph was admitted to Tolworth Hospital after being

arrested at Gatwick airport for throwing £500 from a balcony during a manic episode. After his arrival he got frustrated while in a waiting room and was restrained aggressively by the male nurse when he stood up to leave. His arm was broken so severely that he was unable to wear his prosthetic arm for several years.

He said: "I'll never forget lying on the floor with the

nurse's knee in the middle of my head."

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust, which runs Tolworth Hospital, would not comment on Mr Joseph's case because the incidents happened before it took over in 2001.

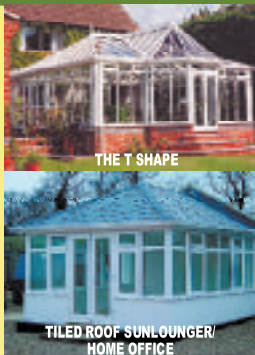
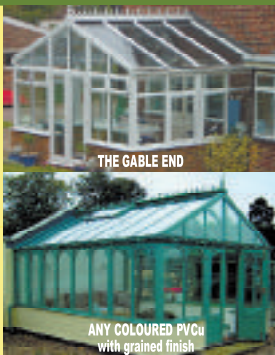
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Naming and shaming: Chris Joseph has attacked Tolworth Hospital in his book *Manicdotes*

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A grip on fake medicine

The fight against dangerous fake medicines could soon be aided by a hand-held device designed with the help of Kingston University pharmacy researcher Dr Reem Kayyali.

Counterfeit medicines often appear identical to the real thing but include cheap ingredients such as flour or cement, which can have a devastating impact on people taking them.

Research presented at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in Manchester on September 7 showed Dr Kayyali's device could detect fake medicines by mea-

suring the hardness of the drugs, with counterfeit paracetamols in tests proving harder to crush than the real thing.

Laboratory tests already exist to identify fake drugs, thought to make up about 1 per cent of total sales in developed countries and 10 per cent in the developing world, but the portable nature of the device opens up the possibility of officials performing on-the-spot tests of imported medicines.

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Why indulge your hate?

What is wrong with you? Why do you want to damn what could be so good for our town?

Indeed, the Rose Theatre has already proved a great asset in a town driven by shops and night-clubs.

My understanding is that the council has arranged a 0 per cent £6m loan. This is not taxpayers' money and if people were to pay to use the facility to see damned good performances, we might begin to pay off the debt.

An overspend of hundreds of thousands of pounds is nothing; what is the overspend (even before opening) on the Olympics?

Why do you journalists do your utmost to wind up the Kingston residents? To what purpose?

Do you want the theatre to fail? Have you been to a performance there?

If not, then why indulge your hatred?

The Rose Theatre is one of the best things that has happened to Kingston in years. Help Kingston to improve, not become a backwater.

SUE MOLLER
Resident and Rose Theatre Volunteer

Editor's note: Thank you for the letter Ms Moller. This paper worked very hard with stakeholders to help get the theatre opened, but it is our duty to report the news of the community, both positive and negative. And, while we wish the theatre every success, there are concerns in the wider community over spending on this theatre which we have an obligation to reflect.

What is he ashamed of?

Given that Councillor David Fraser does not even know the name of the neighbourhood committee that he sits on (letter, September 4), it is hardly surprising that he makes other more fundamental mistakes.

Leaving aside his inaccurate comments about Coun Penny Shelton, I want to know why he constantly tries to hide the fact that Conservative councillors control Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood. What is he ashamed of? The Tories hold 11 of the 15 seats.

The committee is chaired by Conservative Councillor Patrick Codd. The vice-chairman is Conservative Councillor Ken Smith.

It has the largest delegated budget of any of the borough's neighbourhood committees and "can make decisions on a range of services, including traffic management, planning applications, parks, libraries, housing management, youth

Complaints will flood in if we don't get a food store

This is in regard to the planning application for the new branch of Lidl's in Leatherhead Road, Chessington.

Kingston councillors have got this so wrong, so very wrong. Chessington has not got a decent food store and they are trying to deny us one.

We have five big estates with over 500 houses on each. When we get the chance to

have one, we are being denied it because a councillor who lives opposite said it would not be in keeping with the surroundings. I think this is a very poor excuse.

A food store was needed more than 10 years ago. If the councillors are so worried about surroundings, what are they doing putting houses in back gardens?

Let me remind them that they don't own this manor, we do, the residents of Chessington. And we need a decent food store.

The whole trouble with them is that they want to keep building, but do nothing to the main drains and then they wonder why there is flooding.

They don't stop and think what they have done before. In

the past there were four big ponds and they have filled them in.

There were also ditches everywhere and what have they done? Filled them in. It's no real wonder that we get flooding.

R KELSEY
Leatherhead Road
Chessington

Celebrating value does not Rose-tint figures

Can I please point out that there is not a revelation of further theatre funding as claimed in last week's paper by Councillor Howard Jones, Conservative leader of the opposition.

Readers who follow the theatre debate will recall that in 2007 the council agreed to purchase equipment and subsequently lease it back to the trust.

When you separate the additional fitting out costs for the building works in the

theatre (as reported at the scrutiny panel), from the council's purchase of equipment to be leased by the trust, there is not any additional overspend on the building works beyond that which has already been reported.

Coun Jones is raking over events from 2006, when the bills for two of the contracts to fit out the theatre came in higher than estimated.

This was reflected in the

council's capital programme for 2007-08.

Coun Jones had ample opportunity to examine the figures at the scrutiny panel, which he chaired on February 6, 2007, or comment on them in his lengthy speech at budget council on February 28, 2007.

Instead he has waited 18 months to mention it.

The real story should be that the Rose Theatre is by far the best value new theatre in the country.

It cost only £9,500 per seat to build; the next cheapest being the Almeida Theatre at a cost of £17,000 per seat.

Hampstead Theatre cost a massive £48,000.

The fact that the theatre has improved the local economy and transformed the town centre after dark at such low cost should be something to celebrate.

COUN DEREK OSBOURNE
Leader
Kingston Council

Putting a slant on councillors' housing claims

Councillor Fraser always puts the "nasty party" slant on events that suit his claims.

It is the intention that health and safety repairs to our council housing, such as work to replace dangerous gaps in railings, will always

be treated as essential however bad the financial position created by this Government.

I have never, as he says, "pleaded for" a housing association to take over our housing stock - even though Coun Fraser might. It is the ten-

ants, with the council and the Government who decide their future.

How much easier it would all be if the "tenants' tax" or "rent robbery" of £3 for every £10 paid in rent was stopped right now and the

need to consider how to get the investment we need was unnecessary.

COUN PENNY SHELTON
Lib Dem
Executive member for housing

All the council is developing is a large catalogue of euphemisms

Let's hope that Kingston Council rejects the plans of Hemingford Properties for the "regeneration" of 5-29 Coombe Road, New Malden.

"Regeneration" is of course a euphemism for knocking down existing buildings and cramming as many new, more profitable properties in their place.

New Malden has little distinguished or distinguishing architecture, but this particular row of buildings at least gives the town some

character and charm.

And, more importantly of course, it also contains the first cinema to be built in what was once a village.

The only justification that the developers can give for destroying the current buildings is that they are "tired".

Instead of replacing the tired buildings with a nondescript, built-for-profit development, why not renovate what is already there, which will help protect New

Malden's individuality?

If Hemingford Properties is genuinely interested in "breathing new life into New Malden, while ensuring the local area maintains its unique and characterful charm", why not ask it to come up with a scheme to replace the half-empty and hideous towers on the other side of the station?

MICHAEL BURNS
Selwyn Road
New Malden

service and licensing matters".

Yet Conservative councillors continually refuse to take responsibility for the decisions they make. If they are so ashamed of their record in the one part of the borough they control, how could they be trusted to run the whole council?

The Conservative councillors should take responsibility for spending the money they are allocated, and they should take responsibility for ensuring that what they want delivered is delivered properly. Enough bleating, Coun Fraser.

Now let us move on. The real tragedy was a child falling from a building. We must ensure that this does not happen a third time in our ward.

Twice (both under Conservative watch) is too much.

COUN IAN MCDONALD
Lib Dem
Old Malden ward

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National theatre critic boycotts the Rose Theatre after getting lost

The Rose Theatre has been boycotted by a national theatre critic after he got lost trying to find his way there.

"I know that there is a sign for the theatre, noticed it last Saturday, less than a mile away."

SteveC1964, Kingston

"I guess that sums up the problem with such a big theatre in a place like Kingston. Public transport from other areas just isn't good enough. Theatres are built in central London so that everyone can get to them."

Tony, Surbiton

"Is it too late to change it into an Ikea? Everyone loves Ikea."

Ric, Kingston

Pet chain denies puppy-farming allegations

A pet shop chain at the centre of puppy-farming allegations has this week denied any wrongdoing.

"I wouldn't dream of buying a puppy from a pet store. Our dog was bought from a breeder, we went his home, and only when the breeder was happy with us were we allowed to take one home."

Ohdearyme, Hinchley Wood

Shop told to tear down shutters

A shopkeeper who put up shutters to protect it from vandals is told to remove them.

"They won't allow chip shops because they are too stuck-up, now you can't have roller shutters to protect your own shop."

Ric, Kingston

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Kingston Crown Court is throwing open its doors to the public on September 13 as part of the Heritage Open Days programme, staging a mock trial and even opening up the cells. Ahead of the day, Judge Paul Dodgson, who spent seven years at Southwark Crown Court before moving to Kingston four months ago, spoke to ALITA HOWE

He'll be the judge of that

What does the work of a circuit judge involve?

Trying criminals trials at the Crown Court, which can include anything up to murder, and trying cases at County Court. **What path do you have to take to become a judge?**

When you've been a lawyer for 10 to 15 years you can apply to be a recorder, where you sit as a judge three weeks a year. After you've been a recorder for four to five years, you can apply to be a judge.

I was made a recorder in 1992 and a judge in 2001.

Have you always wanted to be a judge?

No. I was brought up in East

Molesey and went to Tiffin School, where my father was deputy headteacher. He wanted me to have a good profession, so I studied law at the University of Birmingham, but I probably would have studied history.

Do you ever miss being a barrister and arguing cases in court?

I do like arguing! I miss some aspects of it, but there are many advantages to being a judge and I would not go back. You are the referee, rather than one of the players, which can be extremely difficult, especially for defenders. They are responsible for someone, but as a judge you don't have the same

personal involvement as barristers.

How do you deal with harrowing cases?

You have to try to be detached, but it can be very lonely. I always retire before sentencing to collate my thoughts and when you get ready to go through to a packed courtroom it is quite intimidating.

How much free reign do you have in sentencing?

The sentencing guidelines are a framework, but we have to use our discretion to reflect individual circumstances and cases. There has to be consistency though, otherwise it is all just a kind of lottery.

Do you think judges have enough sentencing powers, with people increasingly concerned about street crime and antisocial behaviour?

Yes. The question is, which powers are going to make the most difference to the individual and the community. I am on the parole board and the idea that prison is easy street is nonsense. We don't do it if there is any way society can be protected by a non-custodial sentence.

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Boris faces questions

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London Assembly member Caroline Pidgeon

planned to ask him if Transport for London (TfL) would pay for a new air quality monitor at Tolworth, after the existing one was moved to another part of the country last year.

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Helping hand: One of last year's Gannett Foundation grant recipients, Small Steps School for Parents, receives its cheque from Newsquest's Kerry McQueeeny

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Music and drama are central to the character of the school with concerts, plays and musicals involving all age groups. A new performing arts centre, to commemorate the school's 450th anniversary, will be completed in 2009. Hampton School is nationally renowned for sport. Particular strengths are cricket, football, rowing, rugby, tennis and chess. Perhaps Hampton's key feature is its outstanding pastoral care, which received the highest possible praise in the last very successful inspection.

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The first building blocks

With countless hi-tech toys on the market claiming to improve young children's speech and development, we speak to experts who explain how the simplest of toys like building blocks or creative play without any toys at all, can be just as good.

By Lisa Salmon

The very early years of childhood are a critical period in the development of young minds, and there are a bewildering array of hi-tech toys on the market which claim to help.

But parents who feel guilty about not being able to afford the latest expensive gadgets to aid their little one's development may take heart from new research which suggests that the simplest of toys may be the most effective learning tools.

A US study has found that playing with coloured blocks may lead to improved language development in young children. This comes in the wake of other research showing that viewing media, such as some television and baby DVDs marketed with unsubstantiated claims that they help development, may actually hinder language learning.

The latest study, which involved 175 toddlers aged between 18 months and two-and-a-half years, found that children who played with blocks scored 15 per cent higher on language assessment than those who didn't.

The study was led by Dr Dimitri Christakis, of the University of Washington in Seattle, who explains that the reason playing with blocks helps children's vocabulary is connected to their inner language, which is a precursor to speech.

"As they play with the blocks, children are speaking to themselves internally," he says.

"If they're building a tower, they're thinking 'I'll put that one on top of that one', or if they're making a car or a castle, it's reinforcing that word in their head."

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Ibsen's *A Doll's House* arrives at the Rose

*Following hot on the heels of the Peter Hall Company production of *The Portrait of a Lady* (until 6 September), Peter Hall brings his production of *A Doll's House* to the Rose Theatre from 9 - 27 September.*

This groundbreaking and celebrated play by Henrik Ibsen, originally stunned the world and provoked outrage when it premiered in 1879 - with one critic comparing it to the "dropping of a bomb on contemporary life."

A Doll's House follows Nora, a middle class housewife who believes that she has the perfect life; a husband, children and a beautiful home. However, a ghost from the past returns and she is forced to confront her less than perfect reality. Slowly, she comes to realise that she is little more than her husband's plaything, trapped in a suffocating marriage - and must take control with devastating consequences.

*Actress Catherine McCormack plays Nora. This is her second production at the Rose Theatre this autumn, after playing Isabel Archer in *The Portrait of a Lady*.*

*Catherine has a long list of credits in theatre, television and film - including the smash hit films *28 Days Later*, *Land Girls* and *Braveheart*.*

Both roles played by Catherine McCormack explore the nineteenth century women - their choices and their manipulation by society and its conventions.

*Professor Gill Cunningham, of Kingston University builds upon the themes of both *The Portrait of a Lady* and *A Doll's House* with a one-off round table discussion about women and nineteenth century theatre, in the Rose Studio on Friday 5th September, at 5.30pm. Tickets are £5 and advance booking is recommended*

A Doll's House will play at the Rose Theatre from 9 September - 27 September only. Tickets are from £7 - £29.50 and can be bought in person at the Rose Theatre (24-26 High Street, opposite the Guildhall), via SEE tickets 0871 230 1552 or online at www.rosetheatrekingston.org. Book early to avoid disappointment!

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A Doll's House at the Rose Theatre
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GIGS: The Pipettes, McClusky's

Simon Fitzjohn

Pipettes sounds

Most music fans have probably stood mouth agape at a gig, dreaming of what it would be like to join their heroes on stage.

Well, for Gwenno Saunders, that dream became a full-fledged reality when she was whisked away from her home in Cardiff to become a member of polka-dot pop princesses The Pipettes.

Saunders explains: "I had bought a ticket to go and see The Go Team and they were the support act.

"I hadn't heard of them at all until that evening.

"But when they came on stage it was like a flashing light moment and I realised that they were exactly how pop should sound. I thought they were brilliant.

"Next thing I knew I was getting a call and I was straight down to Brighton."

Saunders had made a name for herself in Wales

thanks to some Welsh language success, coupled with a handful of appearances on popular dance tunes.

And she jumped at the chance to team up with the doo-wop divas, formed in 2003 as a way of reviving the classic sound of Phil Spector-tinged pop.

She reveals: "We use the 1960s girl group formula as a basis really. "But it was a formula we wanted to explore with a modern twist rather than just a ploy to sound retro.

"I think a

big motivation for us is just to create songs that people can dance and have a good time to."

The band has undergone numerous personnel changes over the years, and enjoyed success in 2006 with a clutch of Top-40 singles and a hit album.

But, after the latest line-up changes, and having worked extensively with

uber-producer Mark Ronson earlier this year, Saunders is convinced the only way is up. And they will cer-

tainly be taking their own path to further fame.

She adds: "We held auditions after a couple of members left and we ended up recruiting Anna McDonald and my little sister Ani.

"It sounds weird but it just sort of worked.

"There is a much more natural sound to the band now.

"Up until recently there were a lot of girl groups who just wiggled around in bikinis singing awful songs.

"But I think there is a lot of good pop about at the moment.

"The most important thing for us is to always have a good time.

"We are just looking to keep getting better."

The Pipettes, New Slang, McClusky's, Kingston, September 11, 9pm, £4/£5, 020 8549 5871.

The week ahead

Specials night out

Neville Staple, former singer with legendary ska band The Specials, and founding member of Fun Boy Three, plays Kingsmeadow Stadium on Saturday at 8pm. Phone 020 8547 3335 for more information.

Fancy a bit of the Bard?

Head to the Rose Theatre for the Shakespeare Revue, a hilarious show packed with sketches and musical numbers. The theatrical madness starts at 7.30pm on Sunday, visit rosetheatrekingston.org.

Vaughan winner

Enjoy the Vaughan Williams 50th Anniversary Charity Concert at All Saints Parish Church, Market Place on Saturday at 7.30pm. Performers include Elliott DeVivo on clarinet and Alex Postlethwaite on violin.

Sing up

It's your chance to sing with real jazz musicians at the Vocal Jam at the Ram Jam Club. Bring your music and give it a go - this definitely isn't karaoke. Monday, 8.30pm, at the Ram Jam Club, (behind the Grey Horse), 46 Richmond Road, Kingston.



Jazzing it up

The Tony Heiberg Quartet including Tom Law on tenor sax play at the Kingston Gate, 204 London Road on Sunday night at 8pm. 020 8546 4840.

For these and more events turn to page 35

Martin's made for the stage

Okay, okay, let's get the obvious out of the way first. Yes – London comic Chris Martin does indeed share his name with the multi-millionaire, high-pitched voiced, Gwyneth Paltrow-bedding Coldplay frontman. But if you're expecting him to shy away from the fact you are sorely mistaken, as Martin confronts the situation head on in his live stand-up, neatly twisting the scenario into a discourse on people's names. Just 22, Martin is already well on the way to earning his stripes in the comedy boot camp. And he admits it all started very early for him. Martin explains: "I always liked having a laugh with my mates at school and I loved

COMEDY: Chris Martin, Crack Comedy Club
Simon Fitzjohn

watching stand-up comedy when I was a kid. "I had always wanted to give it a go so I did a show one lunchtime just after I finished school. "I was actually really nervous but after a couple of minutes I began to feel comfortable and got some laughs." Martin then headed to Newcastle University where he set up a comedy residency.

But he reveals things did not go exactly to plan. "I knew very early on that I am addicted to getting up on stage. "The adrenaline rush you get from stand-up is incredible. "But I thought I would do something like four shows and then be really famous." That naturally didn't happen, but the West Londoner has continued honing his craft and is now a regular on the comedy circuit. And he is happy his act has continued to develop. He reveals: "When I first started out I was heavily into Jack Dee so I was very dead pan in my approach. "But now it is a mix of short stories and jokes – or sstokes as I like to call them. "Hopefully in a year or so I can go full-time with this and start making money. "But for now my main interest is just to become the best stand-up I can be." Chris Martin, Jason Rouse, Paul Sinha, Crack Comedy Club, Grey Horse, Kingston, September 12, 8pm, £6/£8/£10, 020 8549 9700.



Taking the mic: Chris Martin will take to the stage at the Crack Comedy Club

horoscopes with Claire Petulengro

Aries March 21 - April 20
Enjoy this weekend and gather your strength Aries, for the full moon on Monday sees dramatic events which shake up both your personal and your professional life. A meeting you were thinking of not turning up to must be attended, for reasons you know deep down inside. Call me now to hear why Leo's play a key role this week.
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Taurus April 21 - May 21
A lie you have been told is uncovered and you are faced with a decision to make which could well change the course of your entire future. A close one lets you down midweek but does not intend to so try not to blame them for tensions you are obviously feeling from elsewhere. Call me now to uncover a new admirer in your midst.
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Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are in need of some sort of a break. If you don't take some time out for yourself then you risk making bad decisions over the rest of this month Gemini. A past issue in love is still on your mind and it's time to move on before you lose out on all current situations have to offer you. Call now and I'll tell you a secret in love.
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Cancer June 22 - July 22
Friends let you down with promises they have made. They weren't really friends to begin with then though were they Cancer? It's time to narrow down your circle and this weekend offers you the perfect opportunity to see close ones for who they really are. Call my starline now to hear why it's worth wearing your heart on your sleeve this week.
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Leo July 23 - Aug 24
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Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
You don't seem to be able to keep up with all that is going on and you are taking advice from faces you don't usually trust. Careful Virgo or you could end up losing out. A slow pace will help you find success and satisfaction. Mars offers a solution to a family worry on Sunday. Call now to hear why confrontations will be a good thing.
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Libra Sept 23 - Oct 23
You don't seem to be too sure if a close one has lied to you or not. The full moon on Monday makes it easy for you to accuse loved ones of things they haven't done so be careful or you could end up with a lot of apologising to do by the end of the week. Fellow Librans know the truth behind a lie. Call now for clarity and answers.
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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 21
You have such a busy life at the moment that it is no surprise that close ones are feeling shut away. Try to talk to your loved ones and make them a part of all that is going on. A problem shared is a problem halved, especially for you at this time Scorpio. Call me now to hear why this is a prime time for promotions for you.
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Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 20
This is a great week for promotions. Just don't let that ambitious nature of you force you to push for things you don't want. You had a gameplan and it is imperative that you stick to it. Flirtations at the weekend take a turn for the serious and emotions both shock and surprise you. Call now to hear why travel leads you to success.
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Capricorn Dec 21 - Jan 20
There is a lack of energy to your chart which is making it hard for you to know what and who you can trust. Take some time out to recharge your batteries. This week has much to show and teach you. Your element of earth helps you face and solve a financial worry that's been on your mind. Call now to reveal your true calling.
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Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
You have been agreeing to things which you don't really want just to keep your close ones happy. The only problem is though Aquarius that they know far too well and they are going to make you face your feelings, even if you intend on resisting. Honesty leads to success and happiness, don't fight it. Call now to better understand your sign.
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BABYLON A.D. (12A): Imagine an environmentally ravaged world teetering on the brink of catastrophe with mankind's fate resting on the hulking shoulders of action star Vin Diesel. As a mercenary for hire Torop (Diesel) escorts a young woman from her Neolite convent in Mongolia to New York. Their journey includes an explosion at a train station and a scramble to board a submarine before it descends beneath the ice. ★★

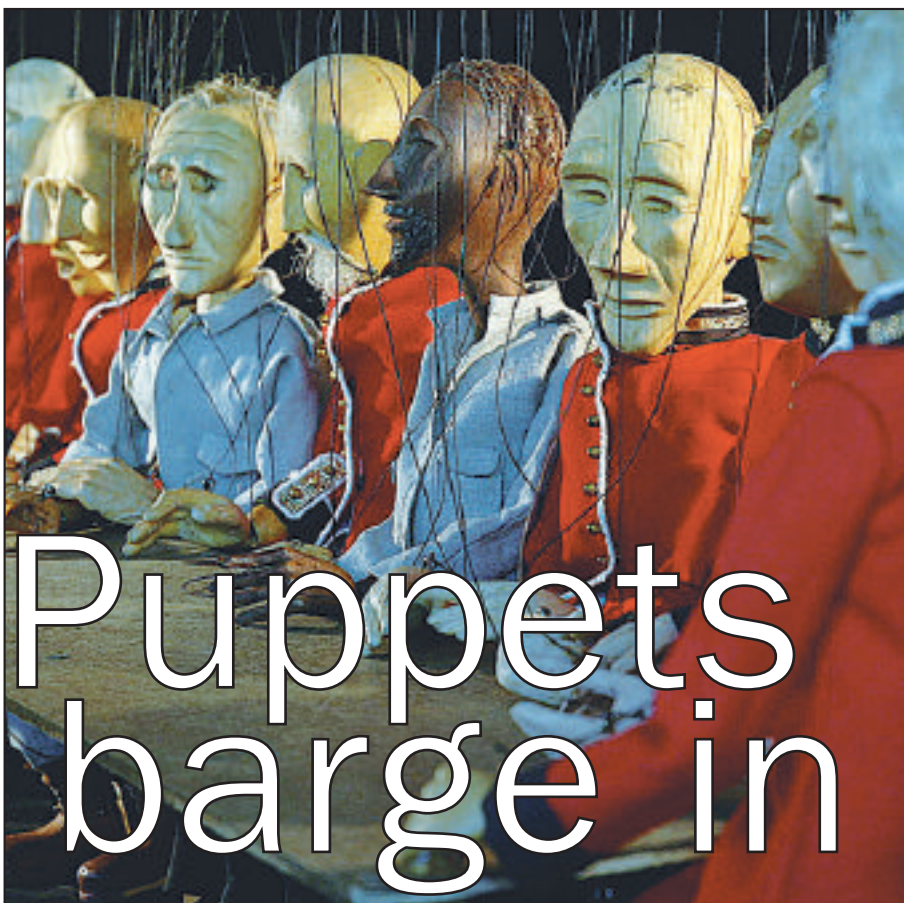
THE STRANGERS (15): A battle of wits between a young couple and three masked strangers who invade their home in the dead of night. The Strangers is a riveting edge of seat thriller, cranking up the suspense until our knuckles are white with fear. An impressive first effort from director Bryan Bertino who never identifies the attackers enacting their despicable plan almost without exchanging a single word, except for a chilling final remark. "It'll be easier next time." ★★

HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (12A): The sequel to Guillermo del Toro's 2004 fantasy is every bit as fast and furious as its predecessor, melding dazzling production design with wry humour and explosive action sequences. Del Toro is given free rein to let his imagination run amok, concocting a dark and bloody fairy-tale full of trolls, goblins and a 9ft Angel Of Death. Hellboy II is a triumph of design. ★★

GET SMART (12A): Based on a madcap 60s TV series, Get Smart is a comic caper about an accident-prone yet sensitive secret agent who might just be mankind's last, great hope. Maxwell Smart is a surveillance expert for secret US agency CONTROL, monitoring conversations from Russian agency KAOS. When the secret identities of CONTROL's operatives around the world are compromised, Maxwell is dispatched to Russia under the guidance of feisty mentor Agent 99. ★★

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Puppets barge in

A theatre with a difference has sailed into Petersham this month, with the Puppet Barge returning for its annual stop-off.

Run by Movingstage marionette company, the barge can usually be found in Little Venice, Maida Vale, but it heads down the Thames each summer for a tour that takes in Henley and Marlow before heading to Richmond.

Puppeteer Juliet Middleton, who founded Movingstage with her partner Gren in 1979, says the Richmond stop-off is always a highlight on the Puppet Barge's calendar. She says: "People often expect puppets to be just for children but we always get a good response from the Richmond audience."

This year's tour incorporates two plays, both featuring marionette puppets. First up is matinee performances of *The Flight of Babuscha Baboon* which is suitable for all the family. The play is about a baboon who wants to fly to the moon in a hot-air balloon and on her way meets an elephant whose life is threatened by ivory hunters.

Juliet says the show is an enchanting experience for youngsters: "We adapted the story from a poem

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Puppet Barge**
Will Gore

by Harry Marshall. There are lots of animals and sound and lighting effects. It is very atmospheric and really draws the children in."

The second show on the barge is *Footprints in the Wilderness* that will be performed on evenings throughout September and October and is suitable for those aged 11 and over. It is a new drama that tells the story of a man who saved the white rhino from extinction and it explores his relationship with his Zulu mentor.

Juliet says: "We met the person whose life the story is about after he came to one of our shows. We were fascinated by him. He is a really wise old man and the show is based on one of his books."

"It is not chronological and it is quite abstract with some challenging sequences."

The plays also has a strong envi-

ronmental message. Are eco-issues important to the company? "Yes, very much so," says Juliet. "You put so much into a production, and with this one it has taken us three years to devise and then carve all the marionettes, so unless you are 100 per cent committed to your subject, it just won't work."

Juliet learned her craft at north London's famous Little Angel Puppet Theatre in the 70s before Movingstage was set up and she is still passionate about the art form.

She says: "When we first started Movingstage it was hard because puppetry seemed so unusual but now people are readier to accept it."

"Marionettes are powerful in a way that mainstream theatre can't be."

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The Puppet Barge, *The Flight of Babuscha Baboon* and *Footprints in the Wilderness*. Check puppetbarge.com for full listings. Matinees - £8.50, £8 concessions. Evenings - £10, £8.50 concessions. Box office 07836 202 745.

Not a Bard night out

Billed as 'an evening of sparkling sophistication and unabashed fun' the Rose Theatre will welcome the Bard with a difference when the Shakespeare Revue descends on Kingston this week, *writes Simon Fitzjohn*.

A one-night-only affair, the show will call on the talents of a wealth of West End veterans, plucking from a pool including Clive Carter, Martin Connor and Fiona Dunn.

Aimed as a rib-tickling riff on the work of the Stratford-upon-Avon great, the evening will be a showcase of comic sketches and songs inspired by Shakespeare himself.

So expect a fast-flowing barrage of sketches, songs and skits put over with vigour, delight and

panache by a talented bunch.

First mooted by the Royal Shakespeare Company, the revue got its first, and very successful, airing at the Barbican Centre before switching to the West End.

And since its original inception it has thrilled, entertained and enthralled audiences across the land with its spontaneous, rapier wit.

And its not just Shakespeare that is in the firing line, with the show also taking a gentle nudge at the cream of British entertainment history.

The material ranges from Edwardian Music Hall through Julian Slade and Sandy Wilson, to Beyond the Fringe, Monty Python, Victoria Wood and Fry & Laurie.

The show adopts a simple premise of pure entertainment, and lovers of Shakespeare should not be put off.

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Ibsen's classic

THEATRE:

A Doll's House, Rose Theatre

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Not content with dazzling Kingston audiences with recent production Portrait of a Lady, Sir Peter Hall has elected to truly spoil the Rose Theatre crowd with a swift follow-up, Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House.

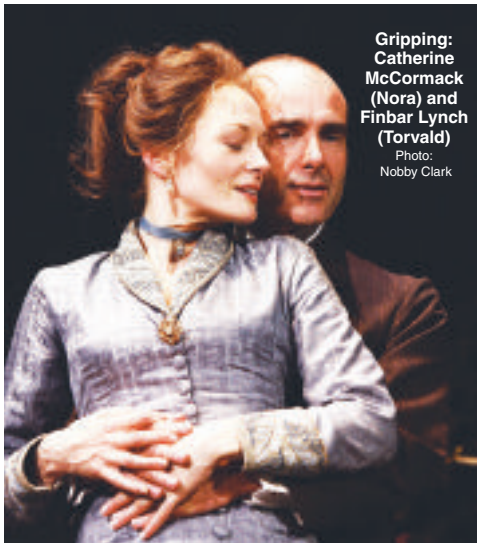
Utilising much of the same cast, Hall's offering has garnered rave reviews after it's opening nights in Bath, with the Times drooling over its "power and clarity".

Ibsen's classic tale, adapted by Stephen Mulrine, was originally written in 1879 and is considered a masterwork by the Norwegian writer.

Highly controversial on its original publication, with one writer describing it as akin to "dropping a bomb on contemporary life", Ibsen's tale has since been recognised as an astounding piece of forward-thinking theatre.

Although Ibsen strongly denied its claim to be the first truly feminist play, there is no doubting its contadiction of conventions of the time.

A thinly veiled attack on marriage norms of the



Excellent support will come from Finbar Lynch as Torvald, with fellow supporting roles taken by Anthony Howell, Christopher Ravenscroft and Susie Traying.

As with all Rose productions, stick with the Kingston Guardian for interviews with McCormack and Lynch over the coming weeks.

A Doll's House, Rose Theatre, Kingston, September 9-27, 7.30pm, £7-£28. Call 0871 230 1552.

For more music: yourlocalguardian.co.uk/leisure



Kingston Choral Society will be gearing up for their 60th anniversary season by holding open rehearsals ahead of a string of celebratory concerts.

Rehearsals began on September 4 at Hollyfield School, Surbiton Hill and prospective new members are being encouraged to go along and try out.

But it will be with a tinge of sadness that the group will prepare for a showcase performance of Elgar's Dream of Gerontius in November.

The reason for the conflicting mood? The departure of Director of Music Robin Page, after 27 years with the choir.

Under Page's tutelage, the choir changed its name from Surbiton Oratorio Society to the current KCS, and became

CLASSICAL:

Kingston Choral Society, open rehearsals

Simon Fitzjohn

recognised on the European stage, performing concerts as far afield as Venice, Holland and the United States.

Not only that but with its profile boosted the choir steadily increased its numbers to 100 plus.

Now based largely in Glasgow, Page has decided to bow out, and it is in recognition of his outstanding service that KCS will perform the Elgar classic, a favourite of the director, with Welsh tenor Wynne Evans and the Thames Sinfonia.

Having had the unenviable task of selecting a successor, Graham Ross is the man who will soon find himself in the KCS hot-seat.

A Surrey man by birth, Ross is Senior Choral Scholar at Clare College, Cambridge, and has also found time to form his own group, the Dmitri Ensemble.

This has led to work with classical heavyweight John Rutter, culminating in an album release early in the new year.

Ross' first appearance with KCS will be the Christmas Concert on December 13.

Anyone interested in attending rehearsals, which will also include a special open rehearsal on September 26, should visit kingstonchoralsocty.co.uk

thursday, september 11

EVENTS

Guided Tours. History comes to life on a guided tour through 500 years of royal history by our expert guides, who will reveal the stories and the secrets of Hampton Court's former residents. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court. Entry included in palace ticket. 0844 482 7777.

EXHIBITIONS

Young Henry VIII Exhibition. Come to Hampton Court Palace and meet the pin-up prince before he became fat old Henry VIII. Visit this fascinating permanent exhibition exploring the stereotypes that have over-shadowed the true stories of Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey and Katherine of Aragon for centuries. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court. Entry included in palace ticket, or separate charge. 0844 482 7777.

THEATRE

A Doll's House. Sep 9-27. By Henrik Ibsen. Directed by Peter Hall. Presented by Theatre Royal Bath and the Peter Hall Company. Cast includes Catherine McCormack and Finlay Lynch. Matinee Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 2.30pm. 7.30pm. Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street, Kingston. £7 - £29.50. 0871 230 1552. rosetheatre@kingston.org.

GIGS

Live Music. Featuring FIN, plus support. 8pm. The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston. 020 8546 3516. peelbooking@hotmail.com.

Chris Dowling. Rock acoustic originals and covers. 8.30pm. Brave New World, 22 Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Free. 020 8399 0200.

Rocking Horse Promos. Four indie bands. 8.30pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £4. 020 8549 9700.

Good Men in the Jungle. Alun Davies and daughter Rebecca lead the Good Men here every second Friday of the month, but this month Alun is on hols and Steve Simpson is doing the gig. Ty, Ayesha and Becky will do a little slot too and Ty will help the band out on acoustic guitar with some of the Good Men's set. Free. 9pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8549 9700.

friday, september 12

EVENTS

Mozart's Don Giovanni. Presented by Candlelight Opera. Mozart's re-telling of the Don Juan story expertly blends comedy, tragedy and some of the most magnificent music ever composed. 7.30pm. Riverhouse Arts Centre, Riverhouse Barn, Manor Road, Walton. £15 (£13). 01932 253354. boxoffice@riverhousebarn.co.uk.

COMEDY

Crack Comedy Club. Doors 7pm. Jason Rouse, Chris Martin, Paul Sinha and Erich McElroy is resident MC. 8pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £10 (£8 members, £6 students/concessions). 020 8549 9700. crackcomedy.com.

GIGS

Live Music. Featuring Witchdoktors, The Aeroplane Blondes and support. 8pm. The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston. 020 8546 3516. peelbooking@hotmail.com.

saturday, september 13

EXHIBITIONS

Shifting Sands. Open Tues-Fri 12.30-4.30pm, Sat 11-4pm. Sun & Mon, closed all day. Shifting Sands

- Runnymede's Industrial Past. The exhibition traces those developments from the largely rural landscape prior to the 17th century, to the building of the Wey Navigation in the 1650s and the coming of the railway in the mid-1800s, to the sand and gravel extraction of the 20th century. 12.30pm. Chertsey Museum, The Cedars, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey, Kingston. Free. 01932 575370. chertseymuseum.org.uk.

Festival. Until Oct 18. To celebrate the 800th anniversary of Kingston's first surviving charter from King John, this exhibition looks at the history and diversity of festivals in Kingston over the past 800 years. A mixed media exhibition which uses the voices of those people who have taken part in these events to tell their stories. 10am. Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way, Kingston. £1 admission, children under-16 free. 020 8547 6460. For more information, check out kingston.museum@rbk.kingston.gov.uk.

sunday, september 14

EVENTS

Car Boot. Every Sunday. Refreshments, children's entertainment. Set-up from 7am. Cars £10, vans from £15. 8.00am. Apps Court Farm, Hurst Road, Walton. 01932 244822.

Historical Walks. Every summer Sunday. Guided walk by Kingston's (voluntary) Tour Guides. 2.30pm. Meet Church Gates, Ancient Market Place, Kingston. £3. 0209427015 or 02083397888. jmconn@blueyonder.co.uk.

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Surbiton Surprising Secrets. Organised by Kingston Tour Guides. www.kingstontourguides.org.uk. 2.30pm. Meet outside Surbiton Station, station forecourt, Surbiton. £3. 0209427015 or 02083397888. jmconn@blueyonder.co.uk.

GIGS

Ian Hunt and Nigel Portman-Smith. This time, Ian is joined by Willy Finlayson's bassist for this front bar freebie. 3pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8549 9700.

The Groanbox Boys. Old time mountain gypsy world folk blues. 5pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8549 9700.

monday, september 15

GIGS

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Ram Vocal Jam. The Vocal Jam will now be held on the third Monday of every month. This is your chance to sing with real jazz musicians. Bring your music and give it a go. 8.30pm. Ram Jam Club, (behind the Grey Horse), 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £7 (£4). 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk.

The Jazz and Funk Jam. Now every Monday, this is the weekly opportunity for you to play with a full band led by Duncan Eagles. Drum kit and amps are here so just bring your instrument. 8.30pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8549 9700.

EVENTS

Luncheon Recitals. Unji Chung (flute) and John Reid (piano). On Mondays, coffee is served in church from 11.30am to 1.30pm and there is a luncheon recital. 1.15pm. All Saints Parish Church, Market Place, Kingston. Free.

tuesday, september 16

EXHIBITIONS

Postcards from Alaska. Sept 16-28. Following her recent travels to Alaska, Linda Walsh captures the mood, isolation and coldness of the region using silk, chiffons and paper. Her work is complemented by potter Ter Smart's work sympathetic hand thrown pieces. 11.30am. The Fountain Gallery, 26 Bridge Road, Hampton Court, East Molesey. free. 020 8941 5865. fountaingallery.co.uk.

GIGS

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wednesday, september 17

EVENTS

Introduction to Digital Photography Course. Sept 10 to Oct 22 (every Wednesday). West Byfleet. Held on Wednesday evenings for six weeks from September 10. 6.30pm. West Byfleet Village Hall, 54 High Road, Byfleet, Walton. £100. 07702 271527. photocourse@gmx.co.uk.

Caroline Jariwala - Painted Prayers, Healing Waters. Sept 17 - Oct 12. Sundays, 2.30pm-4.30pm. 11am. Riverhouse Robert Phillips Gallery, Riverhouse Barn, Manor Road, Walton. 01932 243354. riverhousebarn.co.uk.



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Obituary Notice

JEAN DYER

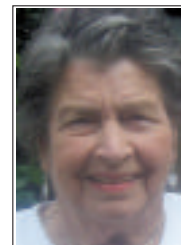
Passed away on September 3rd 2008, aged 69.

Wife of Christopher, mother to Nigel, Susannah and Paula. Grandmother to Louis and Shanay. Will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

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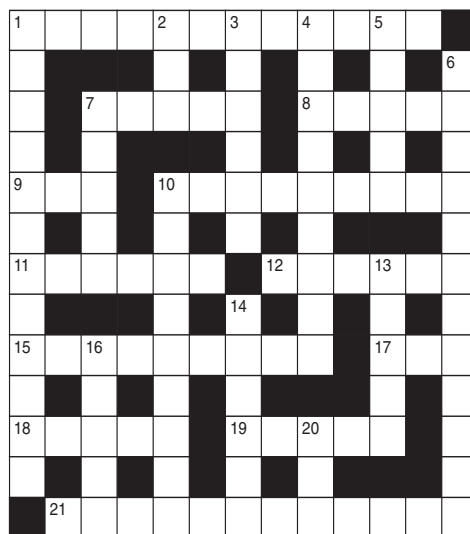
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- Map (5)
- Impress deeply (5)
- Violation (12)

DOWN

- Unconcern (12)
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- Precipitous (5)
- Loss of affection (12)
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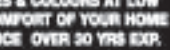
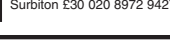
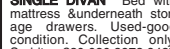
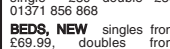
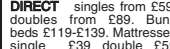
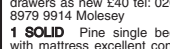
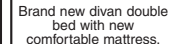
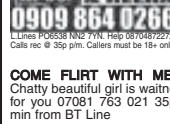
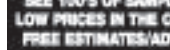
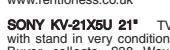
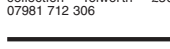
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9th September 2008

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The A243 GLA Road (Leatherhead Road, Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2008

- Transport for London hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
- The purpose of the Order is to enable works to take place at on the A243 Leatherhead Road in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.
- The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from entering into or exiting from the A243 Leatherhead Road at its junctions with Merritt Gardens and Ellingham Road. The order will be effective at certain times from 21.30 hours on the 1st October 2008 until 06.00 hours on the 2nd October 2008 and during the same working hours on any subsequent night until 06.00 hours on the 1st April 2009 or when the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
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Closing date: Friday, 26th September 2008.

Tel: 020 8546 4638

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Ref: 08/296

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Today, Fiat is busy forcing the Abarth brand back into the lime-light riding on the bodywork of fast Fiats like the Grande Punto Abarth.

The sight of a 1.4-litre engine greets you as you lift the Grande Punto Abarth's bonnet, not quite the power packed piece of plumbing that hot hatch enthusiasts might

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The Grande Punto Abarth is crawl-

ing with scorpions but pest control services will not be required. It's the Abarth scorpion coat of arms that crops up on the grille, the tailgate, the wheel hubs and mounted on each flank just behind the door handles.

To further emphasise the car's sporting prowess, the elegant shape of the standard Grande Punto is given more aggression with a re-designed front bumper sporting enlarged air-intakes and round fog lights. The side skirts and wheelarch extensions are in black plastic while the rear end gets the now obligatory diffuser effect as the plastic under body curls up into the back bumper.

There's also a modest roof-top spoiler but overall, Fiat has avoided going too over the top with the look of the Abarth, preserving the classy lines of the standard Grande Punto in the process.

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Casuals get opening win

Corinthian Casuals produced a storming second-half comeback to defeat visitors Ashford Town 3-2 on Saturday – their first victory of the season.

Casuals found themselves a goal down after just two minutes, with Ashford doubling their lead in the 47th minute.

However, Casuals roared back into the game.

Tyrone Myton played a one-two off an Ashford defender's shoulder, with the ball falling kindly for him to strike a stunning 25-yard piledriver into the top corner of the net.

Casuals were now on top and, on 62 minutes, equalised when Chris Horwood headed in Matt Smith's shot at the far post.

Joe Nwoko won it for Casuals in dramatic fashion when he spotted the away keeper off his line and struck a 40-yard winner to seal the three points.

Full report: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

Vase delight

Kingston defeated Old Hamptonian 25-3 in Saturday's Senior Vase clash.

Jonathon Morris put Ks 7-0 up with a fine try, which he duly converted.

Two further penalties before half-time gave Kingston a 13-0 lead at the break.

They extended their lead to 18-0 when Lee Deadman cut a fine line inwards to score a converted try.

A further try by Ciaran Galvin and a conceded penalty resulted in Kingston winning 25-3 and booking a ticket to round two.

Meanwhile, Kingston 3rd XV beat Woking 2nd XV 20-7, with tries supplied by Andy Dack, Neil Anderson and Paul Symonds. Alex Evans kicked one penalty and a conversion.

Full report: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

We've got the Will to win

by **STUART AMOS**

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Midfielder Tommy Williams reckons Kingstonian have learnt a lesson from last year and will have the strength of character not to let a mid-season blip wreck their promotion hopes.

Boss Alan Dowson's men claimed 35 points from 16 games at the start of last season, but only two wins from 11 games over Christmas and new year ultimately cost them a shot at the play-offs.

Ks have made their best start to a campaign in more than 20 years and are through to the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

And Richmond-based Williams, an ever-present in midfield so far this season, believes history will not repeat itself this time around.

"We have not started a game well this season and, as such, I don't think we have even reached our full potential yet," he said.

"The table is a little bit false at the moment.

"It won't be until we reach the Christmas period that you will be able to tell who is going to be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

"We had a little blip last year at that time and I don't see it happening again. We are a stronger squad and we have got a bit more character.

"That has already been shown in some of the results we have got so far. The way we have come from behind and kept going at it for the full 90 minutes proves it."



On the charge: Kingstonian star Jamie Beer in action during the 3-1 win over Burgess Hill Town on Sunday Mark Greenwood

Williams, a personal trainer by trade, switched to Ks midway through last season from Ryman League Premier Division side Boreham Wood because Kingsmeadow was closer to home.

Close friend and winger Tony Bedeau made the move back towards his Chiswick roots for similar reasons, but

missed last week's FA Cup triumph at Shoreham, sparking fears over his future with the club.

But Williams, who was partly responsible for the experienced wide man's move, reckons his former school mate will make Ks home on a permanent basis.

"Tony and I have been

friends since school. We played in the same sort of teams and I think he is just happy to be home again," he added.

Ks defeated Burgess Hill Town 3-1 on Saturday to move into second place in the table. Simon Huckle, Bobby Traynor and Dean Lodge got the goals.

Ks updates: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

SPORTSbrief

GENERAL: A bocchia afternoon is being held at the Fulham FC training ground next Wednesday, September 17 (1pm to 3pm). Bocchia is a Paralympic sport similar to bowls, with the aim of getting a coloured ball closest to the jack. Various groups and schools have been invited to take part. Anyone interested in joining in should call the Active Kingston Team on 020 8547 5207 by this Friday.

Community sport: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

DRAGON BOAT RACING: Surrey's only dragon boating club, Kingston Royals, are offering free dragon boating sessions this Saturday morning as part of the London Summer of Sport programme. Participants need no previous experience and there is no expensive kit to buy. Royals boast 10 GB internationals and will represent the UK at internationals in Italy later this month.

Club website: kingstonroyals.com

FOOTBALL: Chessington progressed to the next round of the FA Vase on Saturday after beating Steyning Town 4-3. Darren Woods was the hero, with goals at the end of each half, after Mohammed Mann had opened up the scoring after seven minutes. Ashleigh Smith got the vital equaliser on 85 minutes. Chessington play away at Camberley Town on Saturday.

More football: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

CRICKET: Malden Wanderers finished the 2008 season in second place in the Surrey Championship Premier Division table after Saturday's match at Cobham Avonians was cancelled due to heavy rain.

More cricket: yourlocalguardian.co.uk

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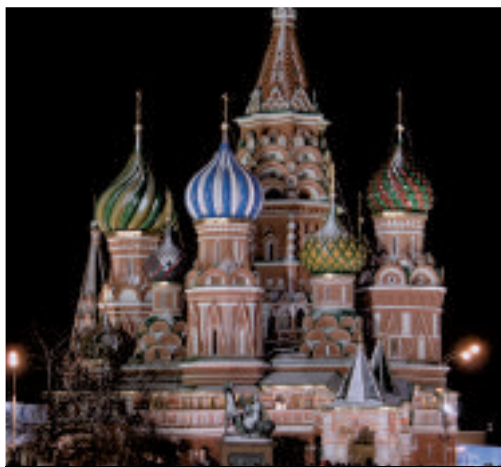
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